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Applicant : Mariastella Scandola, et al. Confirmation No.: 9101  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed January 11, 2005, please find enclosed the following:

1. Amendment "A" *and check for \$510<sup>00</sup>.*
2. Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address.
3. Statement Under CFR 3.73(b)

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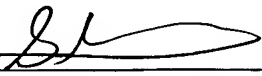
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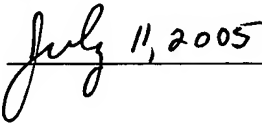
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